

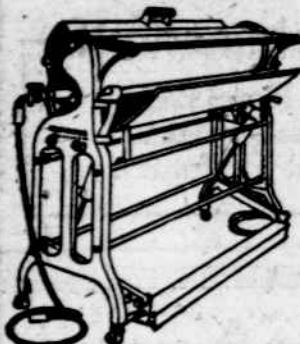
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CAPTAINS BLAME EACH OTHER FOR SHIP COLLISION

Officers of Steamer and Destroyer Graham Attend Inquiry.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Each captain blames the other for the collision of the steamer Panama and the United States destroyer Graham off Sea Girt Friday.

Before the naval board of inquiry from the steamer Maryland, officers from the Graham testified they heard no whistles from the Panama to indicate she was going astern, whereas officers aboard the Panama maintained they sounded two blasts.

Comdr. William F. Amaden, of the Graham, contended that had not the Panama changed her course, the Graham would have passed her on the starboard side, but Capt. W. B. Oakley, of the Panama, insisted that had he not changed the course of his boat just before the collision, the two ships would have come together head-on.

Inquiry to Continue.

The inquiry will continue Tuesday. According to testimony of the Graham officers and crew, the Panama was first sighted 300 or 400 yards away and bore a long green light. Later her red light appeared. It was said, and the order was at once given aboard the Graham for full speed astern when the alarm was being sounded Comdr. Amaden called for full power ahead to avoid the collision, but too late.

The collision occurred at 5:21 p. m. as the two ships were passing. Amaden said, "The Panama entered No. 1 stern and carried away the auxiliary steam lines, enveloping the ship in steam. As soon as I recovered from the shock I called up the mast to learn the extent of the damage. It was impossible to see for the steam."

"I ran aft and found we were still intact. I then requested the Panama to keep slowly ahead—to keep the ships together until I ascertained the extent of the damage. I found the ship was not sinking."

Locked Together Five Hours.

"The captain of the Panama wanted to beach me off Seagirt. This I prohibited. We were locked together until 10:30, when wrecking tugs pried us apart. I kept only a skeleton crew aboard the Graham."

Capt. Oakley, of the Panama, said it was shortly after 5 o'clock when he first observed the Graham's lights ahead. "I gave orders to port the helm and show the red light," he testified.

"When I noticed the other vessel kept coming on I gave orders to port helm again. The vessel was still approaching, and I gave a blast and hard port the helm. Two blasts came from the Graham. When I ordered full steam astern, the destroyer gave three whistles. I followed with three blasts, indicating I was going astern. We collided at 5:19."

WEALTHY RECLUSE LIVES IN STABLE

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Although admitting he was worth \$21,000, William G. Mohrman, 35, recluse of Ozone Park, testified in Supreme Court that he lived in a stable on not much over \$1 a month.

Mohrman was taken forcibly into court to answer charges brought by Mr. and Mrs. John H. Offenfort to the effect that he had refused to return to them \$500 paid as deposit on property. The sale was held up, they claimed, due to the refusal of Mohrman's wife, from whom he is separated, to sign the deeds.

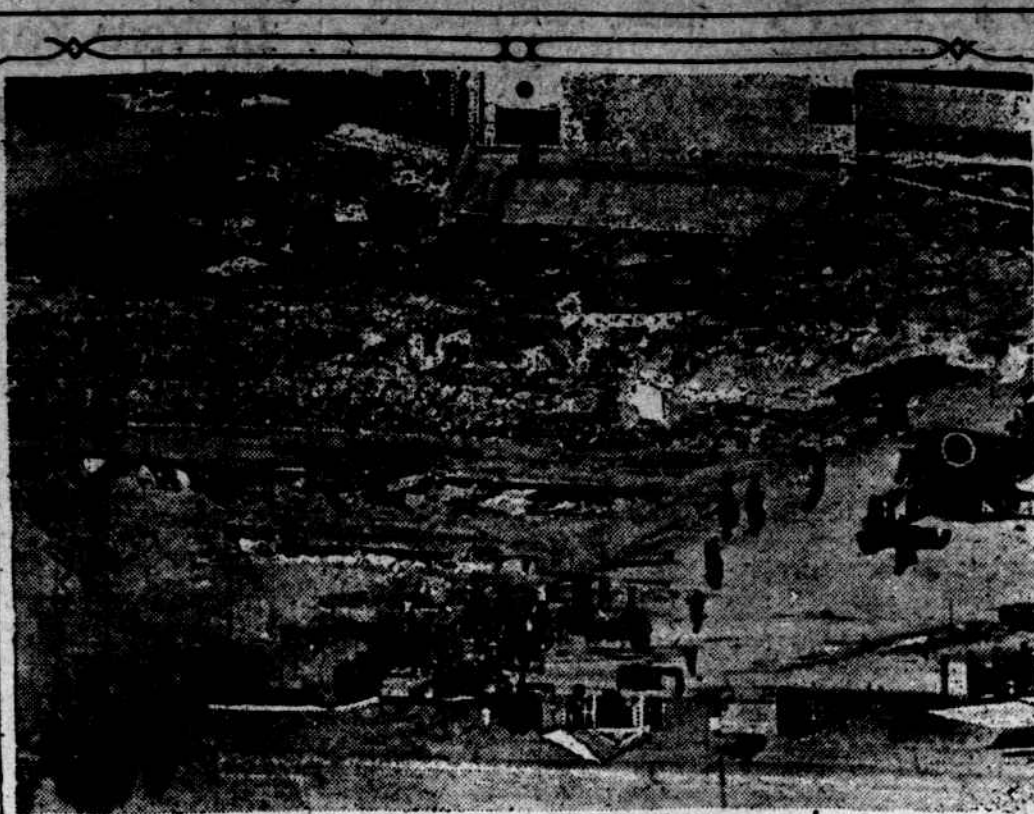
BARON WINS CHILD AND HER MILLIONS

TOPEKA, Kans., Dec. 19.—Countess de Mumm, 8 years old, will soon be on her way to join her father, Baron de Mumm, in Germany, following a court's award.

The trip will come as the climax of years of litigation begun when Mrs. C. C. Scoville, of Seville, Kan., obtained custody of the child on the death of her mother.

With the custody of the countess, the father recovers millions of dollars in the large estates involved in the case.

FIRE DESTROYS HALF OF MEXICAN OASIS



Wreck, starting at night and sweeping through flimsy wooden buildings, destroy one side of business section of Tijuana, Mex., oasis for thirsty Americans.

Liquor Artists Fined \$5 to \$1,000

Hundreds Caught in Chicago Raids Pay Up in Court.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—While hundreds of police continued to scour the city for violators of the prohibition laws, several hundred persons taken in earlier raids were being fined in the courts from \$5 to \$1,000.

"Hip liquor" artists drew fines of \$100 each, while saloonkeepers were taxed \$1,000. Those escaping with the minimum fine were caught in the act of imbibing the "hooch" ladled out under the guise of good liquor. Mere hangers-on, and ordinary saloon loafers who were not caught drinking, escaped with a severe lecture and warning that for a second offense they would pay a fine or go to the rock pile for a few weeks.

Meanwhile Federal Judge Landis was busy with his official "sponge" and after he had granted injunctions closing nine saloons, he knocked off and called it a day.

"New Year Eve will find Chicago dry," was the declaration of District Attorney Clyne.

MASS TOMORROW FOR C. F. KEANE

Mass will be sung at St. Martin's Church tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock over the body of Calahan F. Keane, assistant treasurer of the Munsey Trust Company, who died at his home, 27 Seaton Place northeast, Sunday evening. He was 69 years old.

Mr. Keane came to Washington in 1883, from County Kerry, Ireland, where he was born. He has been with the Washington Savings, Ohio National and Union Savings banks.

Ten years ago he joined the staff of the United States Trust Company and was with that organization when it merged with the Munsey Trust Company. His wife and daughter, Helena, survive him. Mr. Keane was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society. He was a close friend of the late Cardinal Gibbons.

Recover Ailes' Automobile.

The automobile of Milton E. Ailes, president of the Riggs National Bank, which was stolen from in front of his home, 1810 I street northwest, December 18, was recovered yesterday by Headquarters Detectives Allgood, Conners, Jett and Houghlett, abandoned in woods near Arcola, Va.

Will Hays Denies He Has Resigned

Admits Offer to Head Film Concern, But Says He Has Hands Full Now.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Postmaster General Will Hays denied last night that he had resigned from the Postoffice Department to accept the presidency of a motion picture combine. He admitted he had received the offer, but declined to confirm rumor that the annual salary would be \$100,000.

His comment was: "I have not resigned. There are 225,000 co-workers in the Postoffice Department. We spend \$600,000,000 a year, handle 1,700,000 letters every hour, and this year will carry 2,600,000,000 parcel post packages. The postal savings is the largest bank in the world, and altogether the postoffice is the biggest business in the world. I have my hands full."

Hays is at the home of Col. William Boyce Thompson, at Yonkers. He will leave in a few days for Sulphur Springs, Va., for a rest. It is understood, accompanied by Col. Thompson.

FRANCE TO HONOR LAST MAN KILLED

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 19.—Who was the last American soldier killed in action?

The American Legion, endeavoring to learn the identity of the last to fall, is receiving many claims at its national headquarters here. The French government will erect a monument to the last man killed.

The case of a sergeant of the 79th Division who tried to capture the last German machine gun of the war has been offered to Legion headquarters by Major Albert T. Rich of the regular army.

It was north of Verdun on the morning of November 11, 1918, that the incident cited by Major Rich occurred. A first sergeant of an infantry company, aspiring to take the last Boche gun, left his lines at 10:55 o'clock, just five minutes before the war ended.

The sergeant was killed perhaps a minute before the armistice, immediately in front of the gun he was trying to capture. At 11 o'clock sharp the German officer in charge of gun directed four of his men to pick up the doughboy and carry him to the American lines.

16 MEN ARRESTED; KU KLUX ACCUSED IN TRIPLE KILLING

Oklahoma Prosecutor's Charges Against Klan Cause Stir.

ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 19.—The arrest of sixteen men, most of them members of the Ku Klux Klan, has created a stir in Carter County, and caused the prosecutor to charge today that the killing of three men last Thursday night was the result of the Klan's efforts to force Joe Carroll, an alleged bootlegger, out of the country.

The charges against members of the Klan are declared to rest largely on the story of Carroll's widow, and the finding of one of the dead men dressed in the regalia of the Klan and near him several Klan masks. The body was found at a place so marked by horses' hoofs and the tires of autos the authorities are convinced it was the place where the Klan met.

Minister Is Held.

The men killed, besides Joe Carroll, were John Smith of Healdton, a friend of Carroll, who lived at Wilson, and C. G. Sims, an Ardmore policeman. It was Sims' body that was found wearing the garb of the Klan.

Among the sixteen men arrested are the Rev. Leon Julius, Baptist minister of Healdton; Dr. E. C. Harlow, Frank Cardwell, an insurance agent, and W. L. Hilton, all of Healdton.

Sheriff Garrett declared that he has evidence that many of the men who went to the Carroll home to raid it were drunk at the time. The principal story of the shooting comes from the widow, who is the mother of five children. The oldest is 16 years and the youngest is 13 months.

K. C. Clown Band Makes First Appearance Tonight

Carroll Council, Knights of Columbus, will hold a Christmas tree party tonight at St. Mary's Hall, Fifth and H streets northwest. A short business meeting will be held. Grand Knight Francis McCain in the chair. Following the meeting Joseph J. Degnan, lecturer of the council, will stage the entertainment and the Knights of Columbus Band will make their first appearance.

ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY!

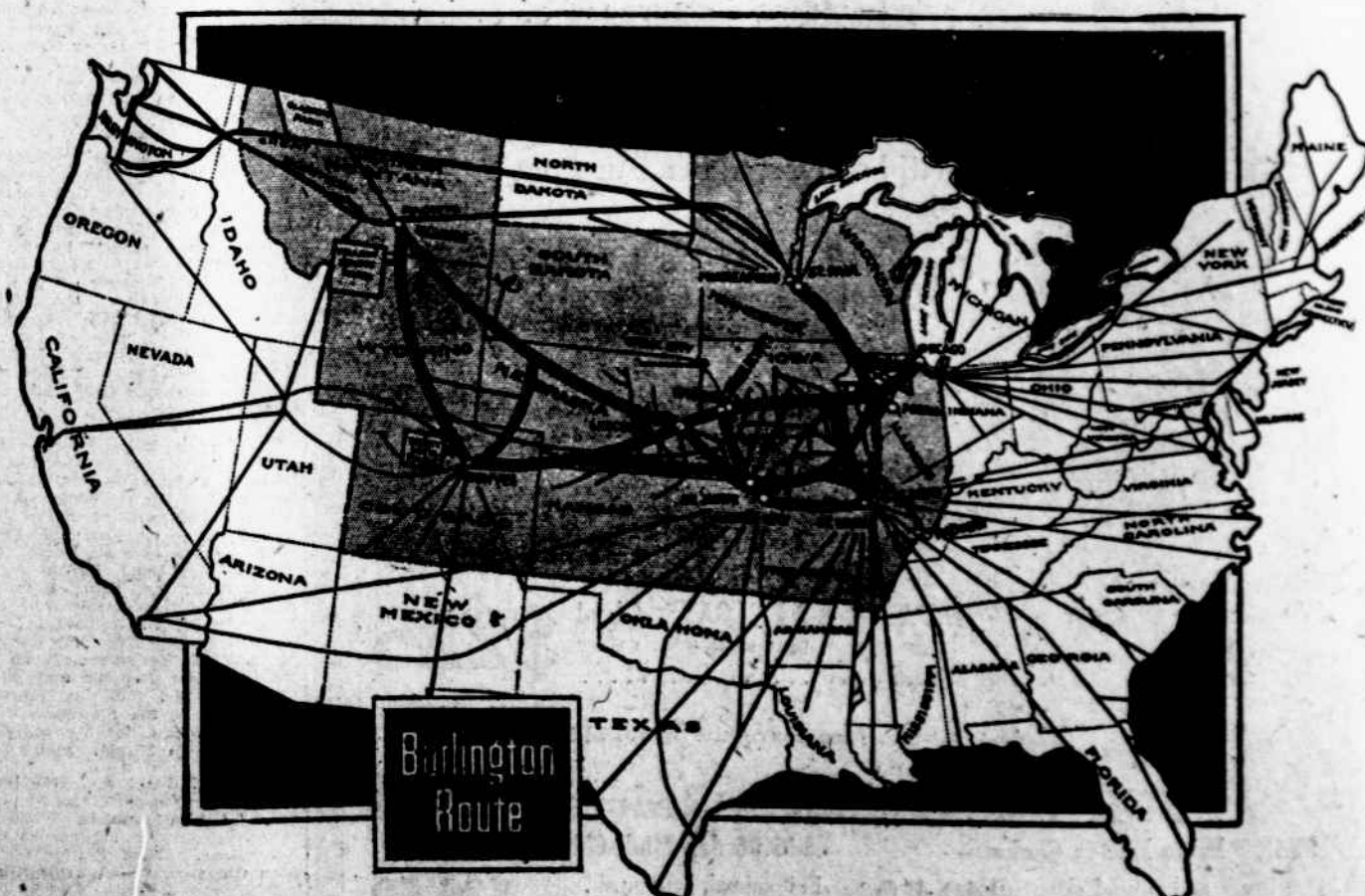
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